इसकी बर्बादी को रोकने एवं जरुरतमंद लोगों, विशेषकर ग्रामीण लोगों को इसकी उपलब्धता शीघ्र सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठाने पर विचार कर रही है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि दूरदर्शन कार्यक्रमों के दर्शक और रेडियो के प्रसारण के श्रोता ऐसे कार्यक्रमों में घोषित विभिन्न पुरुस्कारों के लिए पोस्टकार्ड का बहुत बडी संख्या में इस्तेमाल कर रहे हैं ।

(ख) दूरदर्शन और रेडियों कार्यक्रमों के जवाब देने के प्रयोजन से पोस्टकार्डो के इस्तेमाल पर, समयानुसार परिवर्तनशील दर सहित पोस्टकार्डो का कार्यकरण करके ध्यान देना होगा ।

Reservation bensfits to SC/ST

2551. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many SC/ST employees, category-wise were promoted under TBOP and BCR schemes and percentage with reference to total No. of employees promoted, year-wise;

(b) the reasons for which the Supreme Court decision dated the 29th August, 1988 was not implemented by the Postal and Telecom Deptt. providing promotion on completion of 12 years service as time bound for SC|ST employees also;

(c) why the SC/ST employees of Postal and Telecom Deptts. had been kept out of purview of reservation policy for the period from 30th November, 1983 to 29th August, 1988 and how they will be provided reservation benefits during the intermittent period; and

(d) whether reservation for SC/ST employees has been implemented in promotions from HSG II to HSGI i.e. posts having scale of as 2000-3200?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The Supreme Court did not specifically direct that SC/ST empoyees should be given promotion on completion of 12 years of service. In the operative paragraph of their judgement dated 29-8-1988 they directed the Government to issue an order with prospective effect conferring some additional advantage on the employees belonging to SC/ST in the Department. In pursuance thereof a 40 point roster was introduced for promotion under TBOP scheme with a stipulation that if sufficient number of SC/ST candidates having 16 years of service are not available points, SC/ST candidates with less than 16 years should be given promotion subject to the condition that they have rendered minimum period of service laid down in the relevant recruitment rules which were operative before the introuction of time bound promotion scheme, which is 10 years and 17 years for promotion to Lower Selection Cadre and Higher Selection Grade II respectively.

(c) It was not the intention to exclude the SC/ST employees from getting promotion. No special mention regarding people with lesser years to be promoted was made in the original order of 1983 which were issued in consultation with the staff as it was considered that all elegible SC|ST candidates would get promotion along with others. With the second promotion also being there with provision for reservation for SC/ST candidates, it is not necessary at this

stage to cover the period from 1983 to 1988.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Free Telephones in the Hospitals of Gujarat

2552. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cost-free telephones provided in the hospitals of Gujarat, district-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to provide "Trip facility" during 1993-94, 1994-95; and

(c) if so, the district-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Sir, total 31 (Thirty one) cost free telephones have been provided in the hospitals of Gujarat. District-wise details are given in the Statement. (See below)

(b) No, Sir. It is presume that the Hon'ble M.P. means by "Trip facility" the facility by which a call gets automatically disconnected at the end of 3 minutes/5 minutes.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Statement

District-wise statement of cost-free telephones in the hospitals of Gujarat

Sl. No.	Name of the District	No. of free telephones provided
1	2	3
1.	Ahmedabad	4
2.	Gandhinagar	1
3.	Amreli	1
4.	Baroda	3
5.	Bharuch	1
6.	Bhavnagar	1
7.	Bhuj (Kutch)	1
8.	Bulsar	3
9.	Dangs	..
10.	Jamnagar	1
11.	Junagarh	1
12.	Kheda (Nadiad)	2
13.	Mehsana	1
14.	Palanpur (Banaskantha)	1
15.	Panchmahals (Godhra)	1
16.	Rajkot	1
17.	Sabarkantha (Himatnagar)	1
18.	Surat	6
19.	Surendranagar	1
	TOTAL	31

Telecom service in Hyderabad

2553. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telecom Commission has engaged IMRB to monitor the quality of telephone service;

(b) if so, the details of cities selected;

(c) the results of this survey; and

(d) whether Hyderabad has been earmarked for improvement in telecom service

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir, in selected areas on sample basis.